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*This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News contains the results of the December 1 Hog Survey.*

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*Sincerely,*

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## IDAHO AND WASHINGTON HOG INVENTORY UP 12 PERCENT

Idaho and Washington combined hog inventory on December 1, 2012 was 65,000 head, up 12 percent from the previous December 1 inventory. Idaho and Washington hog inventory was combined to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. Breeding hog inventory for Idaho and Washington combined, at 12,000 head, is up 1,000 head from last year. Market hogs increased 6,000 head to 53,000 head for Idaho and Washington combined. An estimated 19,900 sows farrowed during the past year with an average litter size of 8.84 pigs. The total pig crop of 176,000 head was up 16 percent from the previous year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2012 was 66.3 million head. This was down slightly from December 1, 2011, and down 2 percent from September 1, 2012. Breeding inventory, at 5.82 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.5 million head, was down slightly from last year, and down 2 percent from last quarter. The September-November 2012 pig crop, at 29.4 million head, was up slightly from 2011. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.90 million head, down 1 percent from 2011. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.15 for the September-November period, compared to 10.02 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.20 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

### Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Class and Weight Group, United States, 2011-2012 <sup>1</sup>

Item	2011	2012	2012 as a % of 2011
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
December 1 Inventory			
All Hogs & Pigs	66,361	66,348	100
Kept for Breeding	5,803	5,817	100
Market	60,558	60,531	100
Market Hogs and Pigs by Weight Groups			
Under 50 Pounds	19,524	19,448	100
50-119 Pounds	16,643	16,643	100
120-179 Pounds	12,473	12,479	100
180 Pounds and Over	11,918	11,961	100

1/ May not add due to rounding.

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